

Appln No. 09/643,921

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 2-4, 18-20, 35-37, 49, 50, 63, 64, 77, 78, 93-95 are pending. Claims 2, 18, 35, 36, 49, 63, 77 and 93 are amended and claims 1, 5-17, 21-34, 38-48, 51-62, 65-76, 79-92, and 96-108 are canceled.

Claims 3, 4, 19 and 20 are allowed. Claims 36, 37, 51, 52, 65, 66, 79, 80, and 96 are deemed allowable if re-written in an independent form including all of the limitations of their base claims and any intervening claims.

Claims 36 is re-written in an independent form including all of the limitation of its base claim 33. Therefore, allowance of claim 36 is respectfully requested.

Claims 49, 63, 77, and 93 are amended to include the allowable limitations of dependent claims 52, 66, 80, and 96, respectively. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that theses claims are also allowable over the cited references and allowance of these claims is respectfully requested.

Claims 2, 18, and 35 are amended to change their dependency to the allowable claims, 3, 20 and 36, respectively. Thus, allowance of these claims is respectfully requested.

All of the claims withdrawn in response to the election requirement of April 13, 2004 are now canceled.

In view of the foregoing remarks, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for

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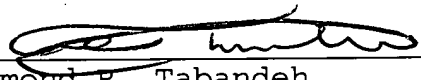
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allowance, and accordingly, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

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